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Abertillery Urban District Council.

COUNCILLORS.

Chairman - - H. S. SNELLGROVE, J.P.
Vice-Chairman - - - S. R. HARRIS.

WARDS.

Cwmtillery.

G. R. SHINGLER, J.P.
E. G. BARNETT.
J. J. THOMAS.
Mrs. U. VERRIER.
J. J. OWEN.
W. R. JOHN

Abertillery.

S. R. HARRIS.
V. G. MORRIS.
W. E. J. DERRICK.
Mrs. F. J. BROWN, M.B.E., J.P.
W. J. ADAMS.

Six Bells.

H. S. SNELLGROVE.
B. EVANS.

Aberbeeg.

J. R. CLARKE.
I. POPE, B.E.M., J.P.
A. J. SAUNDERS.

Llanhilleth.

W. H. JONES.
S. T. BUTLER.

Day of Meeting—Last Monday in each Month, at 6 p.m.

Clerk of the Council - - H. J. WILLIAMS, F.C.C.S.
Surveyor and Water Engineer - R. H. EKE, M.I.MUN.E.
Accountant and Treasurer - - R. L. ENGLAND.
Rating. Valuation Officer and Housing Manager - H. P. BREWER, F.R.V A.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

The Committee consists of all Members of the Council.

Councillor J. J. THOMAS, Chairman.

Day of Meeting—Friday following first Monday in each Month.

Medical Officer of Health -	J. WALTERS BOWEN, M.B., B.CH., B.SC., D.P.H.
Senior Public Health Inspector -	G. A. PARRY, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
Public Health Inspector - -	D. G. GRIFFITHS, M.A.P.H.I.,
Rodent Officer - - -	L. JONES.
Clerk - - - -	S. E. B. SHORT

Abertillery Urban District Council.

Area of District	6464 acres
Rateable Value, December 31, 1958	£138,841
Estimated Net Product of 1d. Rate, 1958	£499
Population (Estimated Mid 1957)	26,580
Population (Estimated Mid 1958)	26,520
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population, 1957	16.4
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population, 1958	16.1
Live Births, 1957	436
Live Births, 1958	428
Number of Deaths, 1957	339
Death Rate per 1,000 Population, 1957..	12.3
Number of Deaths, 1958	296
Death Rate per 1,000 Population	11.1

Abertillery Urban District Council.

REPORT

OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ABERTILLERY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of
Abertillery Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Abertillery Urban District is situated in the Western Valleys of Monmouthshire,13 miles north-west of Newport,and 20 miles south-west of Monmouth.

Its greatest length, north to south is 6½ miles, while it varies in breadth, east to west, from ½ to 2½ miles. It has an area of 10¼ square miles, being one of the largest Urban Districts in the County. The population is 26,520, and the rateable value is £138,841.

The estimated product of a penny rate is £499.

The Urban Area is divided into 5 wards:

Ward 1. Llanhilleth—This includes that part of Llanhilleth south-east of the Nant-Cuffin, with the portions of Crumlin and Hafodyrynys which are within the district. Members on Council, 2. Area, 894 acres. Electors, 2,587.

Ward 2. Aberbeeg.—Comprises Aberbeeg and that portion of Llanhilleth N.W. of the Nant Cuffin. Members on Council, 3. Area, 927 acres. Electors, 2,654.

Ward 3. Six Bells.—Comprises Warm Turn, Six Bells, and that portion of Abertillery south of Cwm Road and the Vivian Pit. Members on Council, 2. Area, 1,092 acres. Electors, 2,960.

Ward 4. Abertillery.—Comprises the township of Abertillery, with the exception of the portions included in Wards 3 and 5. Members on Council, 5. Area, 1,151 acres. Electors, 4,337.

Ward 5. Cwmtillery.—Consists of Cwmtillery with Penybont, Blaenau Gwent, and Brynteg. Members on Council, 6. Area: 2,400 acres. Electors, 5,614.

The chief centres of population are :—Cwmtillery, in the Blaentillery Valley to the north; Abertillery, at the junction of the Blaentillery and Ebbw Fach Valleys; Six Bells, in the Ebbw Fach Valley to the South of Abertillery; Aberbeeg, at the junction of the Ebbw with the Ebbw Fach; and Llanhilleth and Crumlin in the Ebbw Valley to the south.

The Upper Coal Measures have been almost wholly denuded, but the Pennant Series form a moorland plateau from 1,200 to 1,600 feet above sea-level, through which valleys, deep, narrow, and confluent, run from north to south regardless of the geological formation. The whole of the Blaentillery Valley and portions of the Valleys of the River Ebbw and its tributary, the Ebbw Fach, are within the area. The Tillery coal vein, at the base of the Pennant Series, outcrops in long lines on the sides of the valley north of Aberbeeg, and has been worked by levels.

Births.

	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954
Number of Births ..	428	436	457	386	429
Birth Rate per 1,000—					
Abertillery	16.1	16.4	17.0	14.3	15.8
England and Wales ..	16.4	15.1	15.5	15.4	15.2
Small Towns ..	15.2	15.3	15.7	15.8	15.6

The number of births registered locally during 1958 was 162 of which 85 were males and 77 females.

The number of births registered outside the district but belonging to the district was 181 of which 143 were males and 38 females.

The Grand total being 428.

Males .. 228.

Females .. 200.

The Registrar General's return of births is 428. Of this number, 228 were males and 200 females.

The number of legitimate births was 220 males and 196 females.

The total number of illegitimate births from the Registrar General's return is 12 (8 males, 4 females).

The number of births during the year 1958 is 8 less than was recorded for 1957.

Causes of Death. TABLE II.

Causes of Death. ALL CAUSES	*M.* 182	*F.* 114
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	—
2. Tuberculosis, other	—	—
3. Syphilitic disease	—	—
4. Diphtheria	—	—
5. Whooping Cough	—	—
6. Meningococcal infections	—	—
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—
8. Measles	—	—
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	1	—
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	4
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	7	1
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	5
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	11	13
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	—
16. Diabetes	—	—
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	18	18
18. Coronary disease, angina	31	21
19. Hypertension with heart disease	3	2
20. Other heart disease	26	19
21. Other circulatory disease	5	2
22. Influenza	8	—
23. Pneumonia	30	7
24. Bronchitis	—	—
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	4	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	2
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	—	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	1	3
29. Hyperplasis of prostate	1	—
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	1
31. Congenital malformations	3	2
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	16	8
34. Motor vehicle accidents	—	—
35. Suicides	—	1
36. Homicides and operations of war	—	—
37. All other Accidents	10	1
Deaths in infants under 1 year of age :	6	3
Legitimate	6	3
Illegitimate	—	—
TOTAL BIRTHS	228	200
Legitimate	220	196
Illegitimate	8	4
STILL BIRTHS TOTAL	9	8
Legitimate	9	6
Illegitimate	—	2

Estimated population 1958 for birth and death rates, 26,520.

TABLE III.

Month	*Male*	*Female*	*Total*	*Quarterly Births*
January ..	6	5	11	
February ..	11	6	17	
March ..	10	11	21	49
April	5	3	8	
May	8	8	16	
June	5	7	12	36
July	5	6	11	
August ..	7	7	14	
September ..	8	8	16	41
October ..	5	4	9	
November ..	8	9	17	
December ..	7	3	10	36
Total ..	85	77	162	162
Inward Transferable Births ..	143	38	181	
Grand Total for 1958 ..	228	200	428	

Showing the number of births registered in the Abertillery Urban Area during 1958, according to sex, month, and quarter of occurrence, together with inward transferable births.

TABLE IV. Showing the infant deaths (*i.e.*, deaths in infants under 1 year of age) assigned to this district during 1958, by cause and in age groups.

Cause of Death	*Under 1 week*	*1—2 weeks*	*2—3 weeks*	*3—4 weeks*	*Total under 1 month*	*1—3 months*	*3—6 months*	*6—9 months*	*9—12 months*	*Total deaths under 1 year*
Prematurity ..	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Meningitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Adrenal Haemorrhage ..	–	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	–
Pneumonia	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	3
Convulsions ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Encephalo Myelitis	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Whooping Cough ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	–
Accident	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1

TABLE V.

Analysis of Infectious Diseases in this District during 1958. Showing Age/Sex distribution of the cases of Infectious Diseases notified in the District in 1958 also showing Admission of same to Hospital.

Disease	*Under 1 year*		1–		2–		3–		4–		5–		10–		15–		20–		35–		45–		*65 years and Upwards*		*All Ages*			*Admitted to Hospital*	
	m	*f*	*m*	*f*	*m*	*f*	*m*	*f*	*m*	*f*	*m*	*f*	*m*	*f*	*m*	*f*	*m*	*f*	*m*	*f*	*m*	*f*	*m*	*f*	*m*	*f*		*m*	*f*
Scarlet Fever	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	2	1	–	3	4	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	–	–
Diphtheria	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Measles	6	7	9	12	9	12	22	15	19	23	73	72	–	4	1	3	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	287	–	–
Whooping Cough	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	2	1	–	3	4	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	12	2	–
Acute Poliomyelitis	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Dysentery	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Puerperal Pyrexia	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Erysipelas	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Food Poisoning (Suspected) ..	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Pneumonia	1	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1	–	–
Meningitis	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–

There were 15 inquests during the year.

The circumstances of the deaths are analysed and are as follows :—

	Male	*Female*	*Total*
Cardiac Failure	5	–	5
Accidental Death	6	–	6
Bronchial Pneumonia	1	–	1
Coal Gas Poisoning	–	1	1
Neoplasm Brain Substance	1	–	1
Gastric Perforation	1	–	1
Total ..	14	1	15

Zymotic Diseases.

Table No. V shows the notifiable diseases which were notified n the area during 1958.

Diphtheria.

No cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year.

The immunisation of the pre-school child is now carried out at the Infant Welfare Centres by the various medical officers in attendance. Parents too may make private arrangements with their own general practitioner for such immunisation. To attain the maximum degree of protection by immunisation it is advisable that booster doses should be given when the child first attends school.

Scarlet Fever.

As will be seen from the table, 12 cases were notified of whom 2 were removed to hospital because of the impossibility of complete isolation at home, which is very necessary to prevent the spread of infection. All these cases were of a very mild character and were scattered throughout the district, there being no localised outbreaks.

Measles.

287 cases of Measles were notified during the year.

Whooping Cough.

12 cases were notified during the year.

Poliomyelitis.

There were no cases of Poliomyelitis during the year.

The Poliomyelitis vaccination campaign which commenced in 1957 has been accepted by the general public wholeheartedly and the turn up at the Clinics for this has been truly amazing. We hope that this desire by the general public will increase and not decrease in ultimate years.

Notification of Poliomyelitis

(over last 5 years)

1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
1	5	–	18	nil

During 1957 Poliomyelitis Vaccination was begun and there was a good response from the public.

However, it is hoped that supplies of safe and successful vaccine against this crippling disease will increase and so ultimately get the results that have been obtained with Diphtheria immunisation and Small Pox vaccination.

TABLE VI.

Showing Monthly notification of Tuberculosis (all forms) for the year 1958.

Month	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Male	*Female*	*Male*	*Female*	
January ..	–	–	—	—	–
February	–	–	—	—	–
March ..	–	–	—	—	–
April ..	–	–	—	—	–
May ..	2	1	1	—	4
June ..	–	1	—	—	1
July ..	–	1	—	—	1
August ..	1	–	—	—	1
September	–	1	—	—	1
October ..	2	1	—	—	3
November	1	–	—	—	1
December	–	–	—	—	–
	6	5	1	–	12

TABLE VII.

Year	Yearly Notification of Tuberculosis.				Total Yearly Cases of Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary T.B.	Deaths from Tuberculosis				Total Yearly Deaths from Tuberculosis
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		
	Males	Females	Males	Females		Males	Females	Males	Females	
1950	10	7	3	2	22	6	3	1	1	11
1951	14	13	1	1	29	5	1	2	1	9
1952	12	9	4	3	28	7	3	2	1	13
1953	12	15	4	2	33	2	2	1	—	5
1954	16	5	—	—	21	7	3	—	—	10
1955	10	11	1	—	22	1	5	—	—	6
1956	16	6	—	—	22	2	—	—	—	2
1957	10	7	1	2	20	3	—	—	—	3
1958	6	5	1	—	12	1	—	—	—	1

TABLE VIII. Showing the admissions and discharges to institutions for the treatment of of Tuberculosis during 1958.

Institution	*Admissions*		*Discharges*	
	Males	*Females*	*Males*	*Females*
Energlyn	–	—	–	–
Chepstow Annexe ..	1	—	–	–
Gelli-Gaer	–	6	–	6
Glan Ely	–	—	–	2
South Wales Sanatorium, Talgarth .	11	—	4	–
Sully	1	2	1	3
Cefn Mably... ..	1	—	2	–
Mardy	–	—	–	–
	14	8	7	11

All cases of suspected Tuberculosis are seen at the Chest Clinic run by the Regional Hospital Board.

SUMMARY OF DAILY RECORDS TAKEN AT NEW CEMETERY AND THE PARK, 1958.

Month	*The Park*		*New Cemetery*		
			Sunshine	*Temperature*	
	Inches	*Rain Days*	*Hours*	*Highest*	*Lowest*
January ..	5.09	16	11.20	58.0	12.8
February ..	7.17	18	18.40	51.0	20.9
March ..	2.47	10	53.30	57.0	10.5
April ..	1.10	9	41.10	70.2	21.0
May ..	7.10	23	59.50	75.0	29.0
June ..	4.34	17	52.40	74.0	37.5
July ..	5.21	20	56.40	79.4	39.8
August ..	5.41	21	35.40	69.0	38.7
September ..	10.13	17	30.40	75.0	36.2
October ..	7.22	15	34.40	62.4	26.5
November ..	3.25	16	14.20	59.2	21.2
December ..	5.24	20	10.30	52.8	19.8

Total inches for year, 63.73 Rain days, 202.

Total hours of Sunshine, 419 hrs., 40 mins.

Highest Temperature for Year, 79.4° F.

Lowest Temperature for Year, 10.5° F.

COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF HOUSE AND TRADE REFUSE.

The following report was kindly supplied by the Engineer and Surveyor, REGINALD H. EKE, Esq., M.I.MUN.E.

The collection of Refuse in the Urban Area is carried out with Diesel and Petrol-Driven Vehicles with covered bodies of semi-circular type so as to prevent, as far as possible, dust being blown about while the lorries are travelling.

Collections are made twice weekly, also collection of Trade Refuse from the Business Premises.

The method of disposal is by the well-known Bradford Method, described as " Controlled Tipping."

Disposal is by the " Controlled Tipping " method, by which the refuse is laid to plan, properly consolidated, and the areas later used to provide facilities for recreation. The Council have formed Sports Grounds at Rose Heyworth Road for the Abertillery Grammar School, and the Ground, when completed by the School Authority will include a Football Field, Hockey Pitch, Cricket Pitch and Tennis Courts.

Other Grounds completed are at the Walpole Field, Llanhilleth, Woodland Field, Cwmtillery, a Children's Playground and a Recreation Ground at Aberbeeg, and another Recreation Ground is being formed at Brynithel. Considerable interest is being shewn in these activities by neighbouring Authorities, and several Councils have sent their Representatives to view the progress and method of the work.

THE ABERTILLERY & DISTRICT WATER BOARD.

The Engineer to the Board, PERCY BEARD, Esq., A.M.INST.C.E., A.M.INST.W.E., has supplied the following particulars.

The total rainfall for 1958, at Grwyne Fawr Reservoir, Breconshire, was 64.03 inches as compared with 60.59 inches in 1957, and 47.93 inches in 1956.

During 1958, the highest monthly rainfall recorded was 10.33 inches in September and the lowest was 1.60 inches in April.

The highest daily rainfall recorded was 1.75 inches on the 3rd October. Rain fell on 229 days at the Reservoir during 1958.

The mains and service pipes in the Board's district are continually tested and inspected for leakages and many repairs are carried out to fractured pipes.

The Board's Llanover Pumping Treatment Plant since it has been commissioned has made good the deficiences which existed in some areas under normal conditions and has proved an invaluable source of supply in times of drought. Treated Llanover water passed to supply during 1958:— 227,786,000 gallons.

Common Lodging House.

There is only one registered common lodging house in the district and this is situate at Crumlin. The premises are kept in a clean condition and in good repair.

Pit-Head Baths.

Pit-head baths are now established in connection with the Rose Heyworth, Cwmtillery, Llanhilleth and Arael Griffin Collieries.

These establishments are working satisfactorily and are proving a great boon to those engaged in the industry.

Swimming Baths.

There is one swimming bath in this area situated in the Park at Abertillery, and controlled by the Abertillery U.D.C.

This is an open-air bath, which was originally constructed in 1900, and measured 90 feet x 30 feet, with 88,594 gallons capacity. The bath was modernised in 1936 at a cost of £3,000, providing a bath 92 feet x 43 feet, with 125,000 gallons capacity. The special filtration plant is capable of "turning the water over" in six hours. There are 20 cubicles for men and 13 for women, with provision for sun-bathing on concrete promenades.

1.	Date of Construction	1900—Modernised 1936.
2.	Open-air or Covered	Open-air.
3.	Cost of Construction	Modernisation £3,000.
4.	Capacity :	
	(a) Dimensions	92ft. x 43ft.
	(b) Gallonage to fill	125,000.
	(c) Number of bathers provided for	33 Cubicles.
5.	Method of Purification	Filtration and Chlorinisation Plant.

6.	How often changed	Six-hourly periods of "turn over"
7.	Source of Water Supply.	Local.
	(a) If local, estimated flow	(a) 30/60 gallons per minute according to season from adjacent stream.
		(b) Mains supply.
	(b) If purchased, cost per 1,000 gallons.	(a) Annual easement for water right.
		(b) 2/- per 1,000 gallons.
8.	Laundry facilities (if any)	None.
9.	Number of cubicles	33.
10.	Any other dressing accommodation provided	None.
11.	Number of Staff engaged	One to Two.
12.	Duration of open period	April to September.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Public Health Inspectors and other Departments of the Council for their willing co-operation during the year.

Yours obediently,

J. WALTERS BOWEN,

Medical Officer of Health.

Abertillery
Urban District Council.

Senior Public Health Inspector's

REPORT

For the Year
1958

Public Health Department,
Oddfellows Hall,
Queen Street,
Abertillery, Mon.

The following is my report on work carried out by the Department for the year ending December 31st, 1958.

The Sanitary Administration and Conditions for the year 1958

The following tables show particulars of the work carried out by Public Health Inspectors :—

Visits to Animals, etc., kept :—	
Piggeries	9
Stables	8
Fowls, pigeons	18
Complaints :—	
Total number investigated (all premises)	494
Common Lodging Houses	14
Dairies :—	
Premises examined	90
Number of Purveyors' vehicles	69
Drainage :—	
Number of main or branch drains smoke tested	75
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, colour tested	76
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, found defective	60
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, re-constructed	39
Visits to works in progress	104
Dwelling Houses :—	
Number inspected *re* complaint of nuisance	413
Number re-inspected ,, ,,	509
Number inspected *re* overcrowding	2
Interviews with Owners	110
,, ,, Tradesmen	98
Licensed Houses, Cafes, etc. examined *re* urinals, and W.Cs.	28
Miscellaneous Visits :—	
Visits not otherwise classified	117
Offensive Trade premises	13
Public Conveniences :—	
Number of inspections	101
Amusement premises	53
The nuisances were :—	
Defective Roofs, troughing, down-pipes, etc.	171
Defective Window-frames, doors, etc.	35
Defective or insufficient yard paving	5
Damp or Defective Walls, external	49
Choked or defective drainage	56
Insufficient W.C. and slop-water drainage	23
Defective and insufficient closet accommodation	31

Defective and insufficient water supply	–
Miscellaneous nuisances	41
Defective ceilings	50
Defective walls (internal)	35
Defective floors	23
Defective waste pipes	10

Many and varied were the nuisances discovered. In some cases the owners and occupiers were interviewed and the nuisances abated at once, and in other cases legal notices were served.

Foods.

MILK SUPPLY.

Number of persons registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1950.

Number on Register in 1958	12
Licensed to sell Pasteurised Milk	8
Licensed to sell Sterilised Milk	9
Licensed to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	8

Supplementary Licences to sell—

Sterilised Milk	3
Pasteurised Milk	3
T.T. Milk	3

The number of inspections made last year was 90 and Vehicles 69

ICE CREAM.

Number of premises registered during the year	9
Number of premises registered	82
Number of registered persons producing	–
Number of inspections of premises and vehicles	97

Slaughterhouse, Hafodarthen Road, Llanhilleth, Abertillery.

CARCASE AND OFFAL INSPECTED.

	Steers and Heifers	Cows and Bulls	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Ewes and Rams	Pigs	Sows and Boars
No. Killed	78	—	—	464	—	244	—
No. Inspected	78	—	—	464	—	244	—
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysterceri— Whole carcase condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	7 8.97%	—	—	2 .431%	—	5 2.05%	—
Tuberculosis only— Whole carcase condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2 2.56%	—	—	—	—	3 1.23%	—
Cysterceroosis— Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The following particulars show the amount of attention given to securing a wholesome supply of food.

Visits to Premises :—

Fish, fruit and vegetable shops	103
Meat shops	373
Fried fish and chip shops	75
Bakehouses	52
Fishmongers	61
Premises registered for the preparation of food	204
Other premises where food is prepared, sold or stored	318
Cafes and Hotels	28

STORES AND VEHICLES.

Attention is being given to the cleanlincss of vehicles, wrappers, etc., used for bringing meat into the district and for conveying meat to the shops, and the conditions are satisfactory.

The men who handle such meat are compelled to wear clean overalls.

There is no public abattoir but there is one private slaughter-house which is used regularly.

FRIED FISH AND CHIP SHOPS.

There are 11 registered shops in the area which are kept in a satisfactory condition.

75 inspections of these premises were carried out.

OTHER FOODS.

Meat, fish and fruit shops are regularly visited, and the food exposed for sale or stored is examined.

Pork butchers' premises, where sausage meat and small goods are prepared, receive great and constant attention.

Bakehouses are regularly inspected, and the sanitary conditions are noted and dealt with as required.

One case of food poisoning was notified in the district during 1958.

The Sale of Food and Drugs Act is administered by the Monmouthshirc County Council.

Summary of Foodstuffs Condemned.

No.	*Details*	*Weight*
3 tins	Nescafe	
39 ,,	Soup	
92 ,,	Peas	
81 ,,	Beans	
400 tins	Tomatoes	
378 ,,	Fruit	
191 ,,	Evaporated Milk	
62 ,,	Cream	
75 ,,	Fish	
9 ,,	Creamed Rice	
5 ,,	Tomatoe Juice	
6 tins	Miscellaneous	
12 ,,	Bournvita	
2 ,,	Fruit Juice	
8 jars	Cream	
11 pkts.	Dates	
2 ,,	Jellies	
105 tins	Corned Beef	165½lbs.
27 ,,	Cooked Ham	244½ lbs.
191 ,,	Beef Steak	184¾ lbs.
38 ,,	Chopped Pork	104 lbs. 14 ozs.
47 ,,	Luncheon Meat	34½lbs.
76 ,,	Minced Beef Loaf	62 lbs.
17 ,,	Stewed Steak	15 lbs.
3 ,,	Ox Tongue	18 lbs.
2 ,,	C.V.C. Meat	–
4 ,,	Meat Balls	–
1 tin	Beef Steak and Gravy	
	Luncheon Meat..	1¾ lbs.
1 tin	Steak and Kidney Pudding	
12 tins	Chopped Ham	

Summary of Foodstuffs Condemned—*contd.*

No.	*Details*	*Weight*
26 tins	Lunch Tongue	15 lbs.
3 ,,	Hamburger Patties	3 lbs.
15 ,,	Meat and Vegetable	15 lbs.
1 tin	Lambs Liver	10 lbs.
2 tins	Sausage and Beans	
5 ,,	Tongue	7¾lbs.
3	Pies	
1 tin	Casserole Steak	
1 ,,	Steak and Veg.	
3 tins	Irish Stew	
1 tin	Pork	4 lbs.
3 tins	Spam	2¼lbs.
1 tin	Ham and Beef	
1 ,,	Pork Luncheon Meat	
1 ,,	Ham Patties	
1 pkt.	Quaker Oats	
1 jar	Sandwich Spread	
22 pkts.	Dried Fruit	16 lbs.
	Currants	50 lbs.
	Cheese	90 lbs.
7	Pigs Livers	11½lbs.
1 part	Ox Liver	1 lb.
2 whole	Ox Livers	23 lbs.
6 sets	Ox Lungs	54 lbs.
2 whole	Lambs Livers	4 lbs.
	Pork Sausages	11 lbs.
1 whole	Chicken	
1	Pig's Head	

Housing.

Number of new houses erected during the year :—
Total 3

1. Inspection of Dwelling houses during the year:—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts 131

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .. 413

(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-heading (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925-1952 3

(b) Number of inspections made for that purpose .. 5

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious as to be unfit for human habitation 3

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under previous sub-headings) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 128

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice —

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers 89

3. *Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.*

(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957.

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs .. .. nil

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—

(*a*) By owners .. .. nil
(*b*) By local authority in default of owners .. .. nil

(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—	
(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	47
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(*a*)	By owners	30
(*b*)	By local authority in default of owners	7
(c)	Proceedings under Sections 16 (1–4), 17 (1), 19, 21, 23 and 35 (1) (2) Housing Act, 1957,	
(1)	Number of representations made to the Local Authority in respect of unfit dwelling-houses ..	nil
(2)	Number of dwelling–houses in respect of which demolition Orders were made	nil
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which closing orders were made	nil
(4)	Number of dwelling–houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders	nil
(5)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were revoked	nil
(d)	Proceedings under Section 18 & 27 of the Housing Act, 1957:—	
(1)	Number of representations made to the local authority in respect of parts of dwelling-houses or underground rooms	3
(2)	Number of dwelling–houses in respect of parts of which Closing Orders were made	3

SHOWING THE NUMBER OF HOUSES OWNED BY ABERTILLERY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL AT 31/12/58

	Temp. Pre-fabs	*Perm. Pre-fabs*	*Traditional (Including requisitioned Property)*	TOTAL
*No of houses owned by Local Authority on 31/12/58 (including Flats)	100	300	450	850
No. of houses in course of erection on 31/12/58 ...	—	—		
No. of houses for which sanction had been given, but which had not been commenced on 31/12/58 ...	—	—	—	—
†By Local Authority	—	—	nil	nil
†By Private Enterprise ...	—	—	3	3
TOTAL	—	—	3	3

***Showing the number of Houses owned by Abertillery Urban District Council at 31/12/58.**

†Showing the number of Houses erected by the Abertillery Urban District Council and by Private Enterprise during 1958.

REGISTERED FACTORIES.

Factories without Mechanical Power :—

Boot repairers	1
Carpentry and Joinery	3
Radio and Electrical repairs	1
Total	5

Factories with Mechanical Power :—

Bake-houses	4
Brewers	1
Motor repairers	8
Mortar Mills	2
Carpentry and Joinery	6
Undertakers	2
Sausage and Cooked Meats	5
Dressmaking	1
Industrial Gloves	1
Wagon repairers	1
Iron Foundries	1
Gas Storage — Motor Repairs	1
Printing Works	3
Manufacturing Chemists	1
Lampshade Making	1
Dairies	1
Watch repairers	1
Cable Repairs	1
Works of Engineering Construction	2
Total	43

1. Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	*Number on Register*	*Number of* — *Inspections*	*Written Notices*	*Occupier Prosecuted*
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 enforced by Local Authority ..	5	35	—	—
(2) Factories not inc. in (1) to which Section 7 applies ..	41	94	1	—
(a) Subject to the L.A's (transfer of Enforcement) Order 1938				
(b) Others ..	2	8	—	—
(3) Other premises under the Act (excluding outworkers' premises) ..	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	48	137	1	—

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES.

Particulars	*Number of Defects*			*Number of Prosecutions*
	Found	*Remedied*	*Referred by H.M. Insp.*	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	1	1	—	—
Want of ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—
Want of drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—
Sanitary accommodation — insufficient	3	3	2	—
Sanitary accommodation — unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—
Sanitary accommodation — not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—
Other offences (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	4	4	2	—

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REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1958.

Name of Local Authority—ABERTILLERY U.D.C. (County)—MONMOUTHSHIRE.

	Non-Agricultural				Agricultural
	Local Authority 1	Dwelling houses Inc. Council houses 2	All other (including Business Premises). 3	Total Cols. 1, 2, 3	
I. Total number of properties in Local Authority's District (Notes 1 and 2)	27	7236	491	7754	27
II. Number of properties inspected as a result of:—					
(a) Notification	1	186	12	199	—
(b) Survey under the Act	27	876	359	1262	14
(c) Otherwise (e.g., when visited primarily for some other purpose)	—	—	—	—	—
III. Total inspections carried out—including re-inspections (To be completed only if figures are readily available)	—	—	—	—	—
IV. Number of properties inspected (in Sect. II) which were found to be infested by:—					
(a) Rats ... ... Major	—	—	—	—	—
Minor	3	135	10	148	—
(b) Mice ... ... Major	—	—	—	—	—
Minor	4	186	10	200	—

V. Number of infested properties (in Sect. IV) treated by the Local Authority (Figures should not exceed those given at Sect. IV.)	7	321	20	348	—
VI. Total treatments carried out including re-treatments (To be completed only if figures are readily available)	—	—	—	—	—
VII. Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act :—					
(a) Treatment	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Structural Works (i.e. Proofing)	—	16	4	20	—
VIII. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Section 4 of the Act.	—	—	—	—	—
IX. Legal Proceedings	—	—	—	—	—
X. Number of "block" control schemes carried out...	—	11	—	11	—

In conclusion, I wish to thank all Departments of the Council for their willing co-operation during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. A. PARRY,
Senior Inspector.